



RCE/3721 \$

PTO/SB/30 (10-01)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number

**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Address to:
MAIL STOP RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Application Number	09/954,443
Filing Date	September 17, 2001
First Named Inventor	James Robert Adair, Jr.
Group Art Unit	3721
Examiner Name:	Thanh K. Truong
Attorney Docket Number	17244-0129

#13
K. G. H.
11/21/03

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
 - i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on October 1, 2003.
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
 - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☐ Enclosed
 - i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
 - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. ☐ Other _____

11/18/2003 AWONDAF1 00000037 09954443

01 FC:1801

RECEIVED

NOV 19 2003

TECHNOLOGY CENTER K3700

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) (\$770/\$385) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ Check in the amount of **\$1,080.00** is enclosed for the following fees:
 - i. ☒ RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e), REQUIRED when filing the RCE.
 - ii. ☒ Extension of time fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 and 1.17.
- b. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 19-5029

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED

Type Name	Peter G. Pappas	Reg. No. 33205
Signature	<i>Peter G. Pappas</i>	Date: November 12, 2003

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, or facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on the date shown below.

Type Name	Peter G. Pappas	
Signature	<i>Peter G. Pappas</i>	Date: November 12, 2003